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Deputy Public Affairs Officer's Message to Alumni:

The 21st century has brought about fast and profound changes around the world, including in Tanzania. More than ever before in the history of humankind, people communicate with one another in seconds via the internet, mobile devices, and ever enhanced technology platforms. For centuries, letters took weeks to arrive via mail at

their destination. For decades, telephone charges made long distance calls excessively costly and unaffordable to millions. Today's communications are instant and made virtually for free, effectively expanding access to communication for most citizens regardless of their economic background. In addition, citizens once divided by borders between nations are now linked through these technologies.

The progress we continue to witness indicates the power of young people everywhere to shape their future and to share ideas to find common solutions to today's challenges in their countries. It is the right time to spread the message on opportunities afforded only through an education. As Ambassador Alfonso E. Lenhardt has said, obtaining an education is essential for young people to attain a prosperous and successful future. No longer an option, an education will guarantee that they attain a basic foundation from which to launch a career, open up a business, establish professional networks, and compete effectively in today's global market.

Members of the Tanzania U.S.-State Alumni Association (TUSSAA) and Zanzibar Association of U.S. Alumni (ZAUSSA)

distinguish themselves by promoting access to education for all Tanzanians. You serve as role models and examples that inspire others to believe that they too can follow your example. From launching NGO's, aircraft maintenance or agricultural companies, to serving as distinguished professors at Tanzanian universities, you have demonstrated a spirit of intellect, perseverance and entrepreneurship to be emulated. You recognize that mentors helped to make your success possible and are now committed to serving as mentors and giving back to your communities a positive and uplifting message. Some of you have also provided employment opportunities for qualified youth.

There are fewer higher callings than the ones you are embarking on today - inspiring others to believe in themselves and challenging them - especially women and girls - to also contribute their talents towards promoting development in their communities and Tanzania. No nation can develop without the immense talents and contributions of women and it is vital that their voices and ideas be welcomed to promote development in all sectors.

You can continue to count on the support of the United States of America in achieving your goals and aspirations of promoting youth and women's empowerment programs from Tanzanians for Tanzanians. *Hongera sana!*



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Upcoming Event!

Launching of
Arusha Chapter



Ms. Donatha Rwelamila
TUSSAA Vice President

TUSSAA Vice President's Message:

It is my great honor to serve as the Vice President of the Tanzania - U.S. State Alumni Association (TUSSAA). This is a unique opportunity for me to link with the talents and professionals of this country all having the same aim of giving back to the community.

My esteemed colleagues, this issue is released at the time when the Association is marking several milestones since its inception in 2009. I am happy to share with you some of the remarkable achievements since our last issue.

The first proud achievement is undoubtedly the successful conclusion of our second Annual General Meeting in April 27, 2012 with the apt theme titled "Enhancing Good Leadership and Youth Empowerment for a Better Tanzania." The second acclaim must be the inspiring leadership presentation by TUSSAA President Dr. Peter Mateso on June 6, 2012 and finally the successful launching of Mwanza TUSAA Chapter on 4th August, 2012.

On behalf of the TUSSAA leadership I wish to thank all alumni from Dar es Salaam, Zanzibar and upcountry who contributed towards the events success.

Last but not least, I call upon all alumni to register with the State Alumni, participate actively in TUSSAA activities and spread the information to other alumni so that we can join hands in Networking and Giving Back to the Community as per our motto.

Alumni Launches New Chapter in Mwanza

Mwanza - The trend of launching new chapters of the Tanzania U.S. State Alumni Association (TUSSAA) countrywide has got a new momentum after Mwanza members of TUSSAA launched their new chapter on 4, August, 2012. The Mwanza chapter will serve the Lake Victoria regions, which include Shinyanga, Mara and Mwanza itself. The event took place at Midland Hotel and was officiated by Mr. Elias Makory, the District Administrative Secretary (DAS) of Nyamagana District in Mwanza region, on behalf of who was supposed to be the guest of honor Mwanza Regional Commissioner.



In his speech the guest of honor, Mr. Elias Makory congratulated the alumni for "giving back to improve the lives of fellow Tanzanians." Mr. Makory urged TUSSAA members of Mwanza to share and use knowledge, skills and experiences gained from USA sponsored programs with their fellow Mwanza people in various developmental projects so as to realize the whole purpose of having such a chapter in Mwanza.

The Mwanza chapter becomes the second after Morogoro which was launched last year. Morogoro chapter covers Dodoma as well. The function was also attended by U.S. Embassy representative Mr. Christopher Byrd, Alumni Coordinator Rehema Kalinga, and from TUSSAA Dar es Salaam were Dr. Peter Mateso (President), Donatha Rwelamira (Vice-president), and Mwasa Jingi (Public Relations Officer). The event was also colored by Dr. Anthony Diallo former Member of Parliament and Minister for Livestock and Development and current member of CCM-NEC, and Ms. Angeline Mabula a District Commissioner for Butiama; both are alumni members.

In his remarks, the President of TUSSAA, Dr. Mateso asked the Mwanza Alumni to take the challenge to make the Chapter grow vibrantly to the extent of serving well the Mwanza community in all possible kinds of charitable activities. He made it clear that TUSSAA as a charitable organization needs voluntarism and commitment of each member in realization of its vision and mission AND Mwanza new chapter should take that challenge.

Speaking on the behalf of the US Embassy, Mr. Byrd said that US government in sponsoring myriad programs of learning was contributing to the global development and that so far it has already sponsored more than 40,000 people from different countries to participate in various programs in USA. Mr. Byrd added that: "the United States believes that Tanzania's future will be built by leaders like you who will unleash the nation's potential to promote development and prosperity for all citizens."

Alumni Coordinator, Ms. Rehema Kalinga in her remarks noted that: "The networks you establish will assist you in meeting your goals and aspirations to expand opportunities for others and serving your communities".

The Zanzibar Association of U.S. State Alumni (ZAUSSA) was represented by its chairperson Ms. Fatma Mabrouk Khamis and Secretary, Mr. Masoud Salim Mohammed. The launching of chapter was followed by the event of elections of new leadership; a presentation on U.S. Department of State alumni programs; print, radio, and television interviews by alumni members with Sahara Media; and an iftaar meal with alumni to observe the Holy Month of Ramadan. More than 20 alumni members from Mwanza, Mara and Shinyanga witnessed the launching of their chapter. The elected leaders and their positions in brackets are: Jovither Bubele (Chair person), Samadu Hassan (Vice-Chairperson). Others are Margaret (Secretary), and (Daisy Mboneka (Assistant Secretary), Ickrah Luziga (Treasurer)

31 Alumni attend a Two-Day Bold Leaders Follow-on training in Dar



Dar es Salaam-- On July 12 to 15, thirty-one alumni from five past Youth Leadership Programs (2009 - 2011) attended a two-day intensive follow-on training designed to build on previous learning, connect alumni to each other and to further develop community engagement projects they initiated upon their return from the U.S. The 27 students and four adult alumni stayed together in a common hotel in Dar es Salaam and took part in interactive training led by facilitators from Bold-Leaders.

Each alumnus further developed his or her community project and more than \$700 was distributed by Bold-Leaders in the form of mini-grants to

alumni to support these projects. The training included a presentation by Rebecca Smoak, the U.S. Embassy Regional English Language Officer. Games, activities and mingle time were placed throughout the training to continue building connections, networks and relationships. This training was sponsored by the U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Office and the Bold-Leaders.

Alumnus Appointed Ardhi University Convocation President



Dar es Salaam -- The Chancellor of Ardhi University (ARU) Hon. Cleopa David Msuya in line with the ARU's Council Convocation Establishment Order, 2008 has appointed Eng. Bonaventura T. Baya as the first President of Ardhi University Convocation. The appointee is the Director General (CEO) of the National Environmental Management Council (NEMC) with wide experience in environmental management and auditing. Eng. Baya is the Hubert Humphrey Program alumnus at the University of Washington, year 1998/1999.

Congratulations Eng. Baya!

Alumni Promotes Good Leadership



TUSSAA President Dr. Peter Mateso during the leadership presentation.

Dar es Salaam--On June 6, 2012, Tanzania U.S. State Alumni Association (TUSSAA) held a presentation at the US Embassy in Dar es Salaam for 55 Tanzanian guests and alumni members titled "Leadership Basics" supporting TUSSAA's theme for 2012: "Enhancing Good Leadership and Youth Empowerment for a Better Tanzania." Making the presentation, the TUSSAA President Dr. Peter Mateso (Citizen Exchange Alumnus 2006) said that his

presentation was a beginning of series of such presentations that aims at empowering TUSSAA members and other willing participants with transformative leadership skills.

In her remarks before presentation, Public Affairs Officer Dana Banks welcomed Dr. Mateso and invited guests by noting that such a presentation was supporting the U.S. Mission's goals to youth empowerment in Tanzania. She said: "Dr. Mateso's presentation will provide you with leadership skills that in the end will enable you to be creative, competitive, and with integrity to mobilize the existing resources for the common good of the individual organizations and the nation at large. On behalf of Ambassador Lenhardt, I am pleased to congratulate you on your achievements as members of the TUSSAA. Members of this association demonstrate commitment to serve others and promote good leadership."

In his presentation, Dr. Mateso educated d participants about leadership basic definitions, qualities of exemplary leadership, roles of leaders play, and frustration facing leaders. The event was attended by a number of alumni residing in Dar es Salaam, High school students, Journalism students and volunteers from Tanzania Youth Alliance (TAYOA) - an NGO led by an IVLP Alumnus Peter Masika.



Dr. Peter Mateso (second sitting from the right), U.S. Embassy Cultural Affairs Assistant Honory Jerome (first standing from the left), U.S. Embassy Alumni Coordinator Rehema Kalinga with the participants of the Leadership presentation.

Alumni Appointed in High Leadership Positions



Ms. Sophia M. Simba, Minister for Community Development, Gender and Children

Dar es Salaam-- Earlier May this year, His Excellency President Jakaya Kikwete appointed eleven U.S.-Tanzania alumni members to lead various Ministries and Districts. These include four alumni who were reappointed to their cabinet positions. They included Minister for Health and Social Welfare Dr. Hussein A.H. Mwinyi, (International Visitor Leadership Program 2002), Ms. Sophia M. Simba, Minister for Community Development, Gender and Children (Voluntary Visitors Program 2005), Minister for Home Affairs, Mr. Pereira A. Silima (Hubert Humphrey Fellowship Program 1997), and Professor Jumanne Maghembe (Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program 1986), who previously served as Minister for Agriculture was now appointed as the new Minister for Water.

President Kikwete also named 70 new District Commissioners; among them are five U.S.-Tanzania alumni. These include: Muhingo Rweyemamu (IVLP 2008), Suleiman O. Kumchaya (IVLP 1992), Omar Kwaangw' (Voluntary Visitors Program 2010),

Gulamhusein Kifu (IVLP 2002), and Amani K. Mwenegoha (IVLP 1995). The following two U.S.-Tanzania alumni were reappointed to their positions as District Commissioners: Angelina Mabula (Citizen Exchange program 2002) and Mercy E. Silla (IVLP 2005).

U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Officer Dana L. Banks lauded the efforts by U.S.-Tanzania alumni to strengthen their nation's development, noting that: "Tanzanian alumni of U.S. exchange programs, like those from other nations, are distinguished by their commitment to serve their fellow citizens and to contribute towards meeting the greatest challenges of the day. Their work promotes development, leadership, women's empowerment, education, agricultural sector growth, and other key areas. The United States congratulates those alumni assuming leadership positions in Tanzania and we reiterate once again our commitment to partner with them as well as all other alumni from all other sectors."



Minister for Health and Social Welfare Dr. Hussein A.H. Mwinyi

Fortune 500/State Alumnae Featured on Tanzanian Women's Magazine



Dar es Salaam, Tanzania--On May 1, 2012, the popular Bang! Women's magazine featured an article on alumni from the Fortune/U.S. State Department Global Women's Partnership program. Magazine editor Emelda Mwamanga is a program alumna. The article highlighted interviews with each alumna and their experiences with the U.S. companies that mentored them: Subira Mchumo (Herman Miller, 2008), Emelda Mwamanga (Time, Inc., 2009), Irene Kiwia (Porter Novelli, 2010), Modesta Mahiga (Time, Inc., 2010), Mwamvita Makamba (Nielsen Company, 2011), and Susan Mashibe (Google, 2011).

The article highlighted the Fortune/State program's goal to mentor emerging women leaders from around the world through the support of the Department of State's Office of Citizen Exchanges in collaboration with the Vital Voices Global Partnership NGO. "After the program, each of us learned lessons that benefitted our projects and businesses, but most of all was how to be more informed leaders with stories to share and how to build a stronger, more robust and socially responsible business that generates employment for others," said Mwamanga.

Second Annual Alumni Conference



Ambassador Alfonso E. Lenhardt (sitting, third from left) and Public Affairs Officer Dana L. Banks (standing right), with alumni members in Dar es Salaam on April 27, 2012

Dar es Salaam--On April 27, 2012, the Tanzania U.S. State Alumni Association (TUSSAA) hosted over 120 alumni from mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar for its second annual conference which was held at MLIMANI Conference center in Dar es Salaam. This year's conference theme was "Enhancing Good Leadership and Youth Empowerment for a Better Tanzania," and featured on recorded remarks by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Assistant Secretary Ann Stock to Tanzanian alumni.

TUSSAA initiated the annual conferences in 2011 to strengthen alumni networks and promote empowerment programs, women's entrepreneurship, youth leadership, education, and corporate responsibility. Guest of honor U.S. Ambassador Alfonso E. Lenhardt and Public Affairs Officer Dana L. Banks underscored in their remarks the United States' commitment to partner with alumni in charting the nation's development through programs "from Tanzanians for Tanzanians." "I congratulate you on

establishing programs to serve your fellow citizens by mentoring youth and giving back to your communities following your own success. As President Obama has said, it is your own ideas and initiatives as Tanzanians which will continue to greatly contribute to Tanzania's development," said the Ambassador.

Three alumni speakers and Alumni Coordinator Rehema Kalinga offered presentations on youth empowerment, leadership, women's entrepreneurship and empowerment programs, and State Alumni programs. The conference was attended by prominent alumni such as Member of Parliament Zarina Madabida (IVLP 2002), Chairman of the Zanzibar House of Representatives Mzee Ali Mzee (IVLP 2010), former Minister for Livestock Development Dr. Antony Diallo (IVLP 2007) and former Minister for Home Affairs Mr. Lawrence Kego Masha (IVLP 2001).



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Alumna Angela Mabula Shares her Success Story in Politics

From Councilor to District Commissioner



Ms. Angela Mabula during her U.S. trip in 2002.

Earlier this year Ms. Angela Mabula was among a group of District commissioners who were reappointed by President Jakaya Kikwete and then announced to general public through media by Premier Mr. Mizengo Pinda to lead different districts in Tanzania Mainland. For the first time Ms. Angela was appointed as District commissioner in 2009, and posted to Muleba District in Kagera region. This time Angela's reappointment is for Mara region, serving as a new Commissioner for a very new district of Butiama. Ms. Angela was born 50 years ago at Ngudu, Kwimba District in Mwanza region. Her father was a politician who also served as District Commissioner for several years. However, Angela says her appointment by President Kikwete is on merits and has no connection to her father's background, both in politics and public service.

Angela Mabula is one of active member of TUSASA who are holding different positions in Public Service- both in Government and politics. She secured a

scholarship under US State Department through its embassy here in Dar es Salaam, and participated in Leadership Training Program in 2002 in Chicago US.

Angela began her political career in 2000, when she successfully contested a special seat as a councilor in 2000 for Mwanza City. She emerged the second in a stiff competition of 32 contestants, and thus became one of 4 women councilors under special seats in the City of Mwanza for Chama cha Mapinduzi (CCM). Becoming a councilor, was just a humble beginning for Angela in political life. Three years later, that is in 2003 where she successfully contested a purely political position of chairperson of Umoja wa Wanawake (UWT), one political wings of CCM. She became the first chairperson of UWT to lead a new established District of Illemela in the well known rock city of Mwanza.

Her position of leading Illemela district as a chairperson of UWT clicks in her mind now as the repeat of history in her life of 50 years, whereby this time has she been commissioned to lead new district of Butiama an historical place where the first President and father of this nation, the late Mwalimu Julius Nyerere was born.

Madam Angela is an accountant by profession, holding a Postgraduate Diploma in Accountancy from the Institute of Finance Management in Dar Es Salaam (IFM). She also holds a Professional level III equivalent to Certified Public Accountant 1 (CPA1). She worked with Tanzania Audit Corporation (TAC- Mwanza Branch) for 16, holding different positions within, and her last position in TAC reached her to a position of Senior Audit Assistant, before she left the employment with TAC and joined politics in 2000.

After joining politics in 2000, Angela involved with community development activities, serving different groups, particularly, the marginalized ones, and also worked as an entrepreneur who later was one of first women in Mwanza who established non-governmental organization known as Tanzania Women Association of entrepreneurs (TAWA). Now in politics, Angela has high dreams of becoming a very strong leader in Tanzania.

Prominent Alumni



Mr. Ali Amour during the launching of Zanzibar U.S. State Alumni Association in 2011.

Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program (Humphrey) alumnus Ali Suleiman Amour is a recognized authority in his field, especially as he works with different groups to improve environmental health and tourism in Zanzibar. He consistently seeks opportunities to share information and provide a supportive environment to promote professional networks of mutual learning. He has used the concepts of environmental health gained through his

Humphrey experience to promote low cost sanitation in Zanzibar schools under financial support of UNICEF. Amour has also been able to establish "sanplat" (sanitation platform) production centers in the villages of Pemba Island.

As the Chairman of Zanzibar Association of Tour Operators, Amour promotes dialogue between the public and private sectors of tourism development in Zanzibar. He championed the signing of a

memorandum of understanding between the private and public sectors which led to the creation of the Zanzibar National Tourism Public Private Partnership Forum (ZNPPPF). ZNPPPF is a tool currently used to address development issues and to promote members from both private and public institutions in the tourism sector to enable Zanzibar to become one of the top destinations in the Indian Ocean.

Amour is also a mentor and founder of Uzi Seaweed Farmers Association (USFA), a community-based non-governmental organization. He designed and implemented a project to assist 100 farmers of Uzi village in Zanzibar to cultivate seaweed using simple and locally available materials. This action involved 85 women farmers adopting the highly productive and sustainable broadcast farming technology, thereby increase their productivity/income by 200%, decreasing their dependence on suppliers for farm inputs, and removing imported plastics from the farming system. This project outcome is currently used as a model to widely improve the farming system in other areas of Zanzibar.

Finally, Amour is not only a leader in his career and in community-based organizations, but also an active alumnus. Apart from being among the founding members of the Zanzibar Association of U.S. State Alumni (ZAUSA), which was launched on September 22, 2011. Amour sits on the association's Board of Trustees and serves as its legal advisor.

Zanzibar Corner:

ZAUSSA Donates Basketballs in Support of Youth Sports' Programs



Alumni members during television interview at "Zanzibar Public Square" program. Left to right: 1996 Hubert Humphrey Program alumnus Ali Amour, ZAUSSA Chairperson and 2011 International Visitors Leadership Program (IVLP) alumna Fatma Khamis Mabrouk, program host Mohamed Yussuf, 2010 President Obama Young African Leaders Alumnus Masoud Salim Mohamed, and 2009 IVLP alumna Rabia Mohamed.

programs on mainland Tanzania and the Isle of Zanzibar. He added: "As President Obama has said, the solutions to Africa's challenges lie in Africa's youth. You demonstrate the meaning of those words. U.S. is committed to partner with you... and firmly believe that your ideas and initiatives are the most important component to strengthen your communities."

The program included a poetry recital and basketball game between alumni, members of the police, and Zanzibari youth. The event received wide and positive television, radio, and print media coverage; including a one hour interview with U.S. Embassy Alumni Coordinator Rehema Kalinga and ZAUSSA Executive Committee on the TV program "Zanzibar Public Square," where Ms. Kalinga discussed State Alumni programs in Tanzania and ZAUSSA leaders discussed their alumni activities and plans in Zanzibar. The event was sponsored by TUSAA funds from State Alumni, Dar es Salaam U.S. Embassy and Zanlink Company from Zanzibar.

Zanzibar--On May 26, 2012, members of the Zanzibar Association of U.S. State Alumni (ZAUSSA) were joined by U.S. Embassy's Zanzibar Affairs Officer Jefferson Smith during a youth basketball program, where he donated 40 basketballs on behalf of the American people. ZAUSSA distributed these basketballs to eighteen teams of Unguja and Pemba islands and to four Unguja districts which are Urban, Urban West, Central, North A District and North B Districts. Each district received one basketball.

ZAUSSA Chairperson Fatma Khamis Mabrouk and Zanzibar Sports Council Commissioner Hassan Tawakal both thanked the American people for their sponsorship of cultural and academic exchange programs through the U.S. Department of State, and for their partnership in alumni driven programs. However, Mr. Smith lauded the alumni for their leadership at devising and implementing empowerment



U.S. Embassy Zanzibar Affairs Officer Jefferson Smith, Zanzibar Association of U.S. State Alumni members and some invited guests on May 26, 2012.

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